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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/059,146	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SATO, TOMOYA	
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1,5 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2-4 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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**Part III DETAILED ACTION**

**Notice to Applicant(s)**

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-23 are pending.

***Priority***

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fukuta (U.S. 6,701,384).

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With respect to claims 1, 9, and 10, Fukuta discloses an image processing apparatus (110) which processes image data, comprising: a connector, arranged to connect the image processing apparatus to a network (column 4, lines 46-48) to which plural client terminals (101-103) are connectable (figure 2); an acceptor, arranged to accept a request (instruction) from one of the plural client terminals connected via said connector (column 6, lines 39-45); a processor, arranged to perform a process (print mode) regarding the image data in accordance with the request accepted by said acceptor (column 13, lines 6-16); a registering unit, arranged to register the content of the process performed by said processor (the print conditions and print modes are pre-stored) (column 9, lines 21-30 and column 13, lines 6-16); a discriminator, arranged to discriminate, when the request is accepted by said acceptor, whether or not the content of the process according to the request has been registered in process said registering unit (which reads on selecting the print mode) (column 13, lines 17-27); and a determinator, arranged to determine the content of the process by the processor when the request is accepted by the acceptor in accordance with a discrimination request by said discriminator (which reads on changing the page order and direction of the image in accordance with the designated print mode) (column 13, lines 28-39).

With respect to claim 5, Fukuta discloses sending the registered content to the client terminal (column 7, lines 50-58).

With regard to claims 7 and 8, Fukuta discloses an outputter (printer), arranged to output the image data, wherein said determinator limits a function regarding said outputter in accordance with the client terminal which sent the request accepted by said acceptor (column 7, line 35 to column 8, line 5) and prints an image on a recording sheet based on the image data

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(column 7, lines 35-49) and limits the number of faces of the recording sheet for each client (column 7, lines 44-49 and column 6, line 66 to column 7, line 14).

*Allowable Subject Matter*

5. Claims 2-4 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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